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THE SECTIONS

CENTRAL STATES

A meeting was held by Central States Section of the American Water Works Association in the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, October 10 and 11, 1916.

The morning session of the first day was devoted to registration of members and a short business session. Welfare Director Lamar T. Beman, of the city of Cleveland, opened the afternoon session with an address of welcome. Jerry O'Shaughnessy, Columbus, Ohio, chairman of The Central States Section responded.

The paper by John M. Diven of Troy, New York, secretary of The American Water Works Association, on the "Object of Water Works Associations" created a splendid impression. "The object of the association and the convention is to bring water works men together so they may benefit by one another's mistakes," Mr. Diven said. "Our work is an important work, the prosperity of the communities we serve depends on our efforts more than on any other single thing. Not only the prosperity of the community but often the health, or even the lives of the residents are in our hands. So our responsibilities are great, and we should not hesitate to prepare ourselves in every possible way to do our full duty and safeguard the interests of those we serve. Can we do this in any better way than by joining the water works associations and keeping well informed as to water works matters."

Through the courtesy of Mr. J. C. Beardsley of the Thompson Meter Company, A. I. Fischer of Glauber Brass Company, Joseph Kiewell of Farnan Brass Works, all of Cleveland, Ohio, and Cleveland Water Works officials, the visiting delegates were taken on a tour of inspection to the West Side Pumping Station.

The second day's session appeared on the program as "Superintendents' Day" and was given over to the discussion of practical water works subjects.

Mr. J. M. Jones, superintendent Water Company, Circleville, Ohio, led in the discussion of the following topics: "Materials and Methods in Making Service Connections."

The question as to whether all water taps should be metered and a minimum rate charged was ably discussed by Mr. J. C. Beardsley. Mr. Beardsley also discussed the question as to whether water meters increased the cost of water to the consumer, and the best method of testing water meters.

Mr. Jerry O'Shaughnessy, superintendent Water Works, Columbus, Ohio, talked briefly on the subject concerning the advisability of maintaining a repair department or sending defective meters to the factory.

Mr. C. W. Collins, Mannistee, Mich., led in the discussion of "The Material and Proper Method of Packing Stuffing Boxes on Hydrants and Gate Valves". The round table discussion of the above mentioned subjects proved very interesting and beneficial to the superintendents present.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman, Elroy Tobias, Hastings, Mich.

Vice-Chairman, S. F. Messer, Kent, Ohio.

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A meeting of this section was held in Wilmington, Del., November 15, but up to time of going to press, minutes had not been received.

ILLINOIS-IOWA

A joint meeting of the Illinois and Iowa Sections was held October 10-11, the following papers being presented: "The Iowa Section" by Robert N. Kinnaird; "An Inverted Siphon in a Suction Line" by Karl C. Kastberg; "The Sanitary Drinking Fountain" Prof. J. H. Dunlap; "The Sioux City Booster Station," by Phillip Carlin; "Experience in Handling Bad Water Complaints and Laboratory Control" by Earl T. Kirkpatrick; "Notes and Observations on the Purification of the Missouri River Water at Council Bluffs" by Joseph T. Thornel; "Experience with Trenching Machines on the French and Russian War Fronts" by A. E. Miller; "Swimming Pool Operations" by Jack J. Hinman, Jr.

The following "Round Table Topics" were discussed.

1. Noise of pulsation of disc meters disturbing consumers at night, led by C. H. Streeter.

2. More pumping economy in small plants, led by Charles Chase.

3. Proper charge for services to municipalities, led by C. R. Henderson.

4. Practice in regard to hydrant and valve inspection, led by W. A. Judd.

5. How can water works men assist the State Board of Health in public health work, led by Dr. Bartow.

6. Leaks in river crossings, led by R. N. Kinnaird.

7. Experience in cleaning water mains.

The following officers were elected by the Iowa Section:

Chairman, Charles R. Henderson.

Vice-chairman, S. L. Etnyre.

Directors, Frank Lawlor and Phil. Carlin.

These newly elected officers appointed Mr. Jack J. Hinman, Jr., to act as secretary-treasurer.

On October 11 the members of both sections visited the Rock Island Arsenal, the pumping station of the Davenport Water Company, and of the Rock Island Water Works and also the filter plant; then the Moline pumping station and filter plant, followed by a dinner served at the Moline Commercial Club, after which the meeting was addressed by Mayor Carlson, on the subject of the water supply of the Quad-Cities, Davenport, Rock Island, Moline and East Moline. Mr. Leonard Metcalf, president of the American Water Works Association presented a paper upon the relation of public service commissions to the water works companies. There was a total attendance of ninety-four, and a most successful and enjoyable meeting was held.

MINNESOTA

Meeting for formal organization and election of officers was held in Minneapolis, November 25.

NEW YORK

The eighth meeting of the New York Section was held at the Hotel Astor October 18, the chief feature of which was a discussion of "Sanitation of Water-sheds", opened by Mr. Morris R. Sherrerd, chief engineer of the Newark, N. J. water works, who addressed the

meeting on the "Water-shed Utilized by Newark", illustrated by lantern slides. Mr. Theodore D. L. Coffin presented a paper "Sanitation of Croton Water-shed", also illustrated by lantern slides. This was followed by a paper by Mr. Charles F. Brietzke "Sanitation on the Rockaway River Water-shed", this paper also being illustrated by lantern slides. Discussion on these papers by Dr. William P. Mason, Robert E. Milligan, Allen Hazen, J. M. Diven, Edward Wegman, Alexander Potter, and Morris R. Sherrerd added greatly to the interest of the meeting, which was well attended. Two more meetings will probably be held this winter—one in December and one in February.

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